

**AMENDED CLAIMS**

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original claims 1-10 replaced by amended claims 1-9 (3 pages)]

1. Method for copying data from a tape (4) onto a storage  
5 medium, comprising the steps of  
    scanning the tape (4) in a fast winding operation  
    (B),  
    counting control pulses (CTL) present on the tape  
    during the fast winding operation in a counter,  
10      defining a compression rate in dependency of the  
    number of control pulses (CTL) and the capacity of the  
    storage medium (C, D, E), and  
    reading the data from the tape (4) and writing  
    the data onto the storage medium by using said  
15      compression rate (G).
2. Method according to claim 1, **characterized in** that the  
    control pulses (CTL) are pulses recorded on a  
    longitudinal track of the tape (4) together with a  
20      helical scan recording, in particular are CTL pulses  
    recorded onto a VHS tape, and that from the number of  
    control pulses (CTL) the run length of the recording is  
    calculated (C).
- 25 3. Method according to claim 1 or 2, **characterized in** that  
    after a command of a user for initiating the method, a  
    winding operation for winding the tape (4) to the  
    beginning or to the end of the tape (4) is performed  
    first, in particular a fast winding operation (A).
- 30 4. Method according to one of the preceding claims,  
    **characterized in** that during the fast winding operation  
    (B) for counting the control pulses (CTL), the complete  
    tape (4) is scanned, and then wound to the beginning or

to the end of the tape for performing a one touch copy operation for copying all recordings of the tape (4) onto the storage medium.

- 5 5. Method according to one of the preceding claims,  
**characterized in** that before calculating the  
compression rate for the recording, the storage medium  
is checked for defining the maximum recording time (D).
- 10 6. Method according to one of the preceding claims,  
**characterized in** that when calculating the compression  
rate for the recording, a reserve is included for  
taking into account counting errors of the control  
pulses (CTL).
- 15 7. Method according to one of the preceding claims,  
**characterized in** that the control pulses (CTL) of a  
standard play recording and the control pulses (CTL) of  
a long play recording are counted in different  
20 counters, and that a higher compression rate is defined  
for the recording performed in the long play modus, for  
example by using a factor of two.
- 25 8. Method according to one of the preceding claims,  
**characterized in** that the storage medium is an optical  
storage disk, a hard disk or a semiconductor device.
- 30 9. Appliance (1) comprising a media recorder (2), in  
particular a DVD recorder, a tape recorder (3), in  
particular a VHS tape recorder or a DV recorder, a  
micro-controller and a first memory, **characterized in**  
that the micro-controller performs a method according  
to one of the claims 1 - 8, using the memory for  
storing the control pulses.

10. Appliance according to claim 9, **characterized in** that  
the method is stored as a program in a second memory of  
the appliance associated with a micro-controller, and  
5 that the micro-controller performs the method, when  
initiated by a user via a control button of the  
appliance.